

Iowa's Mortuary Operational Response Team

- The mission of the IMORT is to provide identification services and care for decedents in a mass fatality event.
- The IMORT is a partnership between IDPH, the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner, and other governmental, professional, and private businesses in Iowa.
- IMORT members come from all corners of the state and have diverse backgrounds.
 Membership consists of forensic pathologists, medical examiners, funeral directors, forensic specialists, and family service and crisis intervention specialists.

IMORT Capabilities

- IMORT works closely with law enforcement agencies to identify, preserve and collect evidence that will aid in determining cause and manner of death.
- Members use GPS, photography and other technology to document a decedent's location and other pertinent information for future scene reconstruction.
- Teams recover and process remains in a respectful and dignified manner at all times. Remains will be returned to families as soon as possible.
- IMORT members provide family assistance and crisis intervention services following an incident.

Volunteer Requirements

- IMORT members must be able to work as a team during inclement weather or severe and stressful conditions.
- All IMORT members are required to take the following basic trainings:
 - IS 100: Introduction to the Incident Command System
 - IS 200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
 - IS 700: Introduction to National Incident Management System
- IDPH coordinates regular team meetings and provides training opportunities for team members.

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